Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) In a networked environment, a method for designating client properties comprising:

receiving a link element associated with a server, the link element including a plurality of requested client properties;

selecting said link element to request a document identified by the link element to be transmitted to a client; and

inserting at least one of said plurality of requested client properties into the request so as to allow customization of the requested document identified by the link element based on the inserted at least one of said plurality of requested client properties.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said plurality of requested client properties is contained within an attribute of said link element.

Claims 3 and 4 (Canceled).

5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said plurality of requested client properties includes at least one property that is a wild card.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of Claim 1,~~ In a networked environment, a method for designating client properties comprising:

receiving a link element associated with a server, the link element including a plurality of requested client properties;

selecting said link element to request a document identified by the link element to be transmitted to a client; and

inserting at least one of said plurality of requested client properties into the request so as to allow customization of the requested document identified by the link element based on the inserted at least one of said plurality of requested client properties, wherein said plurality of requested client properties includes at least one property that is designated as a mandatory

property and at least one property that is an optional property.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said step of inserting comprises the steps of:

selecting ones of the plurality of requested client properties included in the link element; and

determining whether selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties are available to be transmitted.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7, wherein said step of selecting further comprises expanding a wild card property.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7, ~~wherein said step of determining further comprises~~ further comprising:

prompting a user whether to transmit the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties if it is determined that at least one of the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties is available to be transmitted; and

transmitting the request without at least one of the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties if the user indicates the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties are not to be sent.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7, further comprising the step of terminating the request if it is determined that at least one of the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties ~~a mandatory property~~ is not available to be transmitted and the at least one of the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties that is not available to be transmitted is a mandatory property.

11. (Previously Presented) In a networked environment, a system for designating client properties comprising:

means for receiving a link element associated with a server, the link element including a plurality of requested client properties;

means for selecting said link element to request a document identified by the link element to be transmitted to a client; and

means for inserting at least one of said plurality of requested client properties into the request so as to allow customization of the requested document identified by the link element based on the inserted at least one of said plurality of requested client properties.

12. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein said plurality of requested client properties is contained within an attribute of said link element.

Claims 13 and 14 (Canceled).

15. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein said plurality of requested client properties includes at least one property that is a wild card.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The system of Claim 11,~~ In a networked environment, a system for designating client properties comprising:

means for receiving a link element associated with a server, the link element including a plurality of requested client properties;

means for selecting said link element to request a document identified by the link element to be transmitted to a client; and

means for inserting at least one of said plurality of requested client properties into the request so as to allow customization of the requested document identified by the link element based on the inserted at least one of said plurality of requested client properties, wherein said plurality of requested client properties includes at least one property that is designated as a mandatory property and at least one property that is an optional property.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 11, wherein said means for inserting

comprises:

means for selecting ones of the plurality of requested client properties included in the link element; and

means for determining whether selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties are available to be transmitted.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 17, wherein said means for selecting further comprises means for expanding a wild card property.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 17, wherein said means for determining further comprises further comprising:

means for prompting a user whether to transmit the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties if it is determined that at least one of the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties is available to be transmitted; and

means for transmitting the request without at least one of the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties if the user indicates the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties are not to be sent..

20. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 17, further comprising means for terminating the request if it is determined that at least one of the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties a mandatory property is not available to be transmitted and the at least one of the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties that is not available to be transmitted is a mandatory property.

21. (Previously Presented) In a networked environment, a computer program product recorded on computer readable medium for designating client properties comprising:

computer readable means for receiving a link element associated with a server, the link element including a plurality of requested client properties, the plurality of requested client properties being less than all available client properties;

computer readable means for selecting said link element to request a document identified by the link element to be transmitted to a client; and

computer readable means for inserting at least one of said plurality of requested client properties into the request so as to allow customization of the requested document identified by the link element based on the inserted at least one of said plurality of requested client properties.

22. (Original) The program product of Claim 21, wherein said plurality of requested client properties is contained within an attribute of said link element.

Claims 23 and 24 (Canceled).

25. (Original) The program product of Claim 21, wherein said plurality of requested client properties includes at least one property that is a wild card.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The program product of Claim 21,~~ In a networked environment, a computer program product recorded on computer readable medium for designating client properties comprising

computer readable means for receiving a link element associated with a server, the link element including a plurality of requested client properties;

computer readable means for selecting said link element to request a document identified by the link element to be transmitted to a client; and

computer readable means for inserting at least one of said plurality of requested client properties into the request so as to allow customization of the requested document identified by the link element based on the inserted at least one of said plurality of requested client properties, wherein said plurality of requested client properties includes at least one property that is designated as a mandatory property and at least one property that is an optional property.

27. (Currently Amended) The program product of Claim 21, wherein said computer readable means for inserting comprises:

computer readable means for selecting ones of the plurality of requested client properties included in the link element; and

computer readable means for determining whether selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties are available to be transmitted.

28. (Previously Presented) The program product of Claim 27, wherein said computer readable means for selecting further comprises computer readable means for expanding a wild card property.

29. (Currently Amended) The program product of Claim 27, wherein said computer readable means for determining further comprises further comprising:

computer readable means for prompting a user whether to transmit the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties if it is determined that at least one of the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties is available to be transmitted; and

computer readable means for transmitting the request without at least one of the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties if the user indicates the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties are not to be sent..

30. (Currently Amended) The program product of Claim 27, further comprising computer readable means for terminating the request if it is determined that at least one of the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties a mandatory property is not available to be transmitted and the at least one of the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties that is not available to be transmitted is a mandatory property.

Claim 31 (Canceled).

32. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of requested client properties is associated with hardware characteristics of the client.

Claim 33 (Canceled).

34. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 11, wherein at least one of the plurality of requested client properties is associated with hardware characteristics of the client.

Claim 35 (Canceled).

36. (Previously Presented) The program product of Claim 21, wherein at least one of the plurality of requested client properties is associated with hardware characteristics of the client.

37. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of requested client properties included in a list in the link element are less than all client properties that may be included in the list.

38. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the inserted at least one of said plurality of client properties is less than all the plurality of requested properties included in the link element.

39. (New) The method of Claim 6, further comprising transmitting the request without at least one of the at least one property that is an optional property irrespective of whether the optional property is available for transmission.

40.   (New) The system of Claim 11, wherein the plurality of requested client properties included in a list in the link element are less than all client properties that may be included in the list.

41.   (New) The system of Claim 11, wherein the inserted at least one of said plurality of client properties is less than all the plurality of requested properties included in the link element.

42.   (New) The system of Claim 16, further comprising means for transmitting the request without at least one of the at least one property that is an optional property irrespective of whether the optional property is available for transmission.

43.   (New) The program product of Claim 21, wherein the plurality of requested client properties included in a list in the link element are less than all client properties that may be included in the list.

44.   (New) The program product of Claim 21, wherein the inserted at least one of said plurality of client properties is less than all the plurality of requested properties included in the link element.

45.   (New) The program product of Claim 26, further comprising computer readable means for transmitting the request without at least one of the at least one property that is an optional property irrespective of whether the optional property is available for transmission.